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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, JA, KS

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS ON KOREA-JAPAN MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: SEOUL 7851

1. AFTER A DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS SEPTEMBER 6 FORMIN GAVE ME AN ACCOUNT OF THE RECENT KOREA-JAPAN MINISTERIAL MEETING WHICH ACCORDS CLOSELY WITH THAT PRESENTED REFTEL. HE NOTED THAT TWO MAIN SUBJECTS WERE SECURITY AND TRADE. ON TRADE THE ISSUE WAS THE CURRENT IMBALANCE AND THE FORMIN SAID IT WAS AGREED THAT A MEETING SPECIFICALLY ON THIS TOPIC WOULD BE HELD LATER IN THE YEAR. ASKED IF THE JAPANESE HAD COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO ANY ACTION, THE FORMIN SMILED AND SAID THEY HAD ONLY COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO "TRYING TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION".

2. FORMIN SAID THAT IN HIS PRIVATE SESSION WITH SONODA THE LATTER HAD EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE INCREASED CONTACTS BETWEEN JAPAN AND KOREA AND UNDERTOOK TO HELP CREATE OPPORTUNITIES. HE FURTHER REASSURED FORMIN THAT PFT WOULD NOT AFFECT GOJ POSITION WITH REGARD TO NORTH

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KOREA. FORMIN SAID HE MADE STRONG REPRESENTATION TO SONODA ON QUESTION OF JAPANESE POSITION TOWARD NORTH KOREA AND URGED PRIOR CONSULTATION BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN.

3. I ASKED FORMIN IF QUESTION OF OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION HAD ARisen SINCE IT SEEMED IMPORTANT THAT JAPANESE HELP MANAGE THIS ISSUE WITH CHINA. FORMIN SAID THAT SONODA

HAD TOLD HIM THAT CHINESE HAD NOT RAISED QUESTION OF THE JOINT ZONE DURING THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN PEKING LEADING TO PFT. SONODA HAD CONCLUDED RATHER CONFIDENTLY FROM THIS THAT THE CHINESE DID NOT INTEND TO MAKE AN ISSUE AT THIS POINT. FORMIN ASKED U.S. POSITION AND I EXPLAINED THAT OUR POLICY WAS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW.

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